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DAILY BRIEF

Cyprus: Both Greek and Turkish communities are increasingly doubtful that the London conference scheduled to begin next week will achieve agreement over the future of Cyprus.

The Turkish position seems to be crystallizing around partition, according to the US Embassy in Nicosia. This may mean some form of administrative separation of the two communities rather than geographic partition. The Turkish Cypriot delegation to the conference now is conferring with government leaders in Ankara.

The position of the island's Greek majority is to be based on President Makarios' demands for substantial revision of the constitution. He also wishes to end Greek and Turkish rights to intervene in Cypriot affairs. All Greek Cypriot spokesmen reject partition as a possible solution.

Mutual distrust and fear still characterize relations between the two communities and isolated incidents of violence continue. Freedom of movement and communications nevertheless are being restored under a British plan accepted after nearly 72 hours of hard bargaining. The west coast mining town of Lefka, where some 5,000 Turks are surrounded by Greeks, remains unaffected by the plan.

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India: Full information on the extent of Nehru's indisposition is not yet available.

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The illness has focused renewed attention on the question of the succession to the prime ministership, a subject which Nehru has dodged over the years. Home Minister Nanda, who as second-ranking cabinet member would presumably be named acting prime minister for any interim period, is a political nonentity and would not come under consideration.

The most likely permanent successor now appears to be Lal Bahadur Shastri, 59-year-old party wheel horse and former home minister. He is generally considered to be the favorite of the Congress Party's parliamentary caucus which would make the selection. State party bosses, who would heavily influence that choice, also lean toward Shastri.

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USSR-Algeria: The USSR has given Ben Bella an IL-18 transport aircraft. A Soviet crew will remain in Algeria for a year to operate the plane and train an Algerian crew. The USSR has frequently given civil aircraft to leaders in underdeveloped countries.

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Communist China - Kenya: Communist China has made Kenya a grant of about \$200,000 for students to go to Peiping for a three-year program of study. The Chinese have given similar scholarships to other newly independent African countries.

Reports over the past two years indicate that

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[redacted] and difficult living conditions have disaffected many who have accepted these scholarships.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board, on 8 January 1964, approved the following national intelligence estimates:

NIE 11-14-64: "Capabilities of the Soviet General Purpose Forces, 1963-1969"
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